



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

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PLACEMENTS UP 4%

For the week ending August 24, 2002, growers placed 12.1 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 3.8% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (12.1 million) increased 3.8% from the comparable week in 2001. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.4 million, an increase of 0.3% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.5 million for the week ending August 17, 2002 compared to 11.8 million slaughtered during the same week in 2001.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
----- THOUSANDS -----						
* 06/29/2002	13,683	13,769	12,005	11,965	12,008	12,279
* 07/06/2002	14,393	14,473	11,857	12,215	11,857	12,519
* 07/13/2002	14,381	14,413	11,755	12,053	11,753	12,177
* 07/20/2002	14,379	14,573	11,199	11,243	11,201	11,243
* 07/27/2002	14,183	15,267	11,771	11,798	11,774	11,798
* 08/03/2002	14,279	14,703	11,820	11,760	11,820	11,760
* 08/10/2002	14,184	14,668	11,726	11,890	11,778	11,890
* 08/17/2002	14,154	14,589	11,616	11,970	11,616	11,970
* 08/24/2002	14,391	14,430	11,685	12,131	11,687	12,132

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	08/31/2002	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	48.27	47.42	50.95	56.04
12-City Composite 2/	56.31	55.55	57.64	61.39

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit,
Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.

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